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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

10/688,920

Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Thoi V. Duong

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 02 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 25-41 ~~is~~/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 26-41 ~~is~~/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 25 ~~is~~/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ~~is~~/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ~~is~~/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ ~~is~~/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/012,395.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/16/07.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is in response to the Amendment filed February 12, 2007.

Accordingly, claim 25 was amended, claims 1-24 were cancelled, and new claims 26-41 were added. Currently, claims 25-41 are pending in this application.

### ***Election/Restrictions***

2. Newly submitted claims 26-41 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: claim 26 is drawn to a LCD panel comprising a first set of data pads and a second set of data pads arranged in a single-bank structure in the pad region so that a plane substantially perpendicular to the substrate and substantially parallel to a data line in the first set of data lines contacts a data pad in the first set of data pads and a data pad in the second set of data pads. Accordingly, this invention is independent or distinct from the invention of claim 25, where the data lines have alternatively different extended lengths at respectively different levels above the insulating substrate.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 26-41 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claim 25 is allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art of record fairly suggests or shows all of the limitations as claimed.

Specifically, none of the prior art of record discloses, in combination with other limitations as claimed, an LCD panel comprising a plurality of data lines crossing the gate lines and having alternatively different extended lengths to the data pads at respectively different levels above the insulating substrate.

The most relevant reference, US 6,683,669 B1 to Fujikawa, fails to disclose or suggest a plurality of data lines having alternatively different extended lengths at respectively different levels above the insulating substrate. As shown in Fig. 1(a), Fujikawa only discloses the data lines 3 having alternatively different extended lengths 7 to the data pads 8.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters as shown above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thoi V. Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-2292. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms, can be reached at (571) 272-1787.

Thoi V. Duong – Primary Examiner

September 26, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thoi V. Duong', is written over the date.